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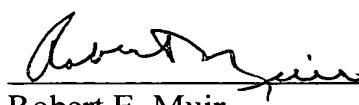
The following information and attached material are submitted for the Examiner's consideration relative to one or more of the claims in the above-identified application. Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each item listed thereon are attached.

All of the prior art documents, including the foreign language patents, are either discussed by the applicants in the background of the application or are cited in the German search report for PCT/DE00/00428, filed 15 February 2000, which corresponds to the present application. Also attached is a copy of the German search report and an English language version of that report to explain the relevance of the citation(s) cited therein as per MPEP 609A(3). In reviewing the foreign search report, it should be noted that the U.S. claim numbering is equivalent to the corresponding German application. The relevance of these documents to the claimed subject matter in this application is believed to be explained in the application and/or in the search report.

One or more of the documents may have markings thereon. No significance is meant to be attached to the markings.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,



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